GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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FUNCTIONING OF INDIA MARK-2 HANDPUMPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Mark -2 handpumps installed in some States in rural areas are not functioning properly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to streamline/strengthen the drinking water supply system in the said States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a): Studies carried out by Government of India as well as other agencies have found that at any point of time, some percentage of water supply schemes including India Mark - II handpumps installed in the States, are not functioning properly;

(b): The major reasons for non-functioning of some of the India Mark-II handpumps installed in the States are hand pumps installed having outlived their lives, lack of proper operational and preventive maintenance and depletion of ground water.

(c)&(d): Government of India supports the endeavour of the State Governments, in providing safe drinking water supply to all rural areas in the States by providing financial and technical assistance in accordance with the National Rural Drinking Water Programme guidelines. 10% of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) allocation to the States can be utilised for Operation and Maintenance of existing drinking water schemes, including handpumps.